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TECH SHOW PROGRESSES.

Cast is Provisionally Picked.—Chorus Girls and Dancers Learning Their Songs.

Tech Show is rapidly rounding into shape and the management is keeping, if not increasing, its two weeks start over last year. The principals have been chosen provisionally and are busy learning their parts as well as rehearsing three times a week. Up to the present time the rehearsals have been spent in reading over and studying the first act which has been thoroughly covered.

At present there are listed some thirty-five charming chorus girls, of whom twenty-five are to be picked for the performance. There are also twenty-two men trying for the twelve male parts in the chorus. Owing to the management's strict rules as regards attendance these fifty-seven are expected to dwindle rapidly to the required number. At present, however, they are hard at work learning to sing the songs and refrains into which they must join.

The new feature of the Show this year is the six special dancing girls who lead the chorus and do several little "stunts" besides.

These have been chosen, as well as two substitutes, and they practice three times a week after the chorus gets through. They are doing many wonderful steps over in the Union, making a very pretty sight skipping around hand-in-hand with Jim Francis.

The Advertising Manager is very hopeful about getting a poster this year from an Institute man. He says there are eight posters in the process of construction. The time has been extended from March 1 to March 4 in order to give the men the extra Saturday and Sunday for finishing touches.

TECH SHOW POSTER.

At the earnest solicitation of the students of the Architectural Department, it has been decided to extend the time limit of the Poster Competition to March 4. This will add to the available time a Saturday and Sunday, as the first comes on Friday, which it is urged will be of material assistance to the competitors, while still allowing time for the work to be put into the hands of a professional in case no satisfactory posters are received.

Some inquiry has been made concerning the lettering. The words, *Tech Show*, and *William, Willie, and Bill*, may be drawn in as part of the design, if desired, as was done on previous posters. The title of the Show should preferably appear in the lower part of the figure, but it is not absolutely required to be in this position. The space for the theatres and dates need only be large enough to allow for the name of one theatre and its appropriate date, for as heretofore, separate posters will be run for Boston, Malden and Providence.

MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Professor Lodge gave an interesting address last evening before the Mining Engineering Society at the Union on the Cobalt Mining District in Ontario, Canada.

FENCING TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Undecided Meet held with Tufts to be Fenced Off.

Tech will meet Tufts in a fencing match at the Gym tomorrow night and the no-decision meet held at Medford on Feb. 14 will be settled. Owing to disagreement on the part of the officials, the former meet was called off after the regular nine bouts and several extra ones had been fenced. Tech won four bouts, Tufts three, and on the remaining bouts no decision could be made.

The trouble was due to the fact that two of the regular officials failed to put in an appearance and those connected with the two teams had to act in their places. Captain Bounetheau has brought the contest to home ground and, with impartial judges from the B. A. A., hopes to show Tech's fencing enthusiasts a fast successful match.

TECHNOLOGY MEN AT PANAMA.

An enthusiastic reunion of Technology graduates was held at the Tivoli Hotel, Panama, on the evening of Feb. 12. The occasion was the visit of President Pritchett to the Canal Zone and all the Tech men engaged in the various engineering departments of this great enterprise arranged to meet him and renew the memories of Technology. About ten Tech graduates are employed on the Canal, nearly all of whom were present, and the meeting was one of great enthusiasm. It was a cheering sound to Dr. Pritchett to hear the familiar M. I. T. cheer in these tropical surroundings. Among the graduates present were, Frank A. Browne, Robert J. Lyons, Andrew L. Bell, all of the Class of 1906; John H. Flynn, Jr., William P. Bixby, Clarence E. Gage, all of the Class of 1905; and Alexander S. Ackerman, of the Class of 1903.

President Pritchett spent three days in examining the work in progress and received from Chief Engineer Stevens every facility for obtaining a good view of what was going on. He expressed himself enthusiastically concerning the work which Mr. Stevens and his assistants are doing.

Y. M. C. A.

Frank K. Sanders, D.D., former Dean of Yale, a man of world-wide reputation, will address the Technology Christian Association on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1.30 P.M. Dr. Sanders was the first man to establish a Young Men's Christian Association in the Orient. He has also traveled and lectured extensively. The subject of his address will be "Team Work." All Tech men are welcome.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETING.

As a result of the meeting held yesterday, probably the Freshman Class Kommers will be held at the Union, Saturday, March 23. The Committee in charge has practically completed the arrangements for the entertainment. A vaudeville feature will be held, in which anyone may take part if they will give their names to T. W. Saul, and risk getting the hook.

TECH DEFEATED BY TUFTS.

Score 15-14. Game was Fast and Well Played on Both Sides.

The basketball team was defeated at Medford last night, after a good effort by Tech in the second half to tie the score. At the end of the first period Tufts led 9 to 5, but in the second half Tech braced up and played circles around the Medford team; with a few minutes more to play the result might have been reversed. The covering was good on both sides, long baskets were shot by Wilson of Tufts; Seede also played a good game for Tech and Kinnear excelled for Tech.

The second team was defeated by a score of 25 to 16, in a rather rough house game. Tech played pretty well in the first half but in the second they tired out and Tufts had it their own way.

M. I. T. MAN A PROTOZOOLOGIST.

At the last monthly meeting of the Trustees of Columbia University a new professorship entitled "Protozoology" was established, and Professor Gary N. Calkins, Ph. D. (M. I. T. 1890), was transferred to the new Chair from that of Invertebrate Zoology which he had previously held.

The new professorship is the first of the kind in the United States and the second in the English-speaking world, the first (in University College, London), having been founded only a few months ago.

Professor Calkins, having published the best general work in English upon the *Protozoa* (the lowest forms of animal life), besides many special papers and monographs, is an authority upon protozoology, and has very recently made important discoveries bearing upon the probable parasitic origin of cancer, discoveries which have aroused everywhere the keenest interest of medical and sanitary experts.

YAYLE'S HONOR SYSTEM.

A new departure has been made very recently at Yale, a University that has never before used any honor system at all. The new experiment has caused considerable discussion, and was watched with a lively interest by both the Faculty and the undergraduate body. The new privileges were granted to the Senior Class and were interesting in their extent, going even further than at Princeton. The course pursued was simple. All supervision of examinations was withdrawn and the students were left entirely to themselves, on the understanding that they were to do their work honestly. There is no student body, there is no written pledge. What the students wished to do was left entirely to Yale public opinion. Yale public opinion, as any public opinion will, has decided and decreed that its standard is honesty. The result of the experiment has been more satisfactory than was ever hoped, and the new system will shortly be extended to the Junior Class. If it continues to work well the whole college will in time to come enjoy it.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Musical Clubs Concert at First Universalist Church, Chelsea.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

1.00 P.M. Ohio Club Meeting.
1.30 P.M. Weekly Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Society of Arts Meeting in 22 Walker.

FRIDAY MARCH 1.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Advanced French.—A new section has been formed to recite to Mr. Blachstein on Friday from 11 to 12, in 22 Lowell, commencing Friday.

Elective Books.—Students whose elective books are now on file at the Registrar's office are requested to call for them at once. Those remaining uncalled for by the first of April will be destroyed.

Applied Mechanics.—Mr. Hayward's exercises in Applied Mechanics are transferred on and after today to 21 Eng. B, except on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, when the exercises will be held in 20 Eng. B.

NOTICES.

Society of Arts.—The 633d meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in 22 Walker, tomorrow at 8 P.M. Mr. Edward S. Cole, consulting engineer, of New York, will address the Society on "The Photo-Pitometer and Water Works Losses."

Musical Clubs.—There will be a concert tonight at the First Universalist Church, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Chelsea. The clubs will meet at Boylston Street subway station to take northbound elevated leaving at seven o'clock.

Exeter Club.—The annual banquet of the New England Association of Alumni of Phillips Exeter Academy will be held at Young's Hotel, Boston, at seven o'clock Friday, March 1. All graduates and former students of the Academy are cordially invited to attend.

Missouri Club.—The Missouri Club will hold a dinner at the Union Friday, March 8, at 6.30 P.M. All men who have at any time been in Missouri are eligible to membership and are requested to inform the secretary, A. F. Herold, '09, at once.

1907 CLASS DUES.

The following are appointed agents to collect class dues and are requested to collect the assessment of 50 cents as soon as possible: Course II, Nichols; Course III, Hampton; Course IV, Marx; V, Elder; VI, Keeling; VII, MacGregor; X, Packard; XII, Wonsen.

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In charge of this issue: A. G. KELLOGG, 1909

Wednesday, February 27, 1907.

It would be a great convenience if some box or slot were provided at the Cage in which notes might be left after the Cage is closed. Any one who has tried to slip a letter under the window of the Cage will realize the value of this suggestion. It does not seem that a convenience so cheaply and easily obtainable should be long in forthcoming.

A considerable number of men were locked out at Physics lecture a few days ago. Professor Cross has always shown himself ready to make all reasonable allowances, but in order to secure himself and his class against continued interruptions, he must draw the line somewhere and he can scarcely be blamed for closing the door at promptly five minutes after the hour. It turned out, however, that this particular group of men had been held overtime at the previous lecture, and their lateness was therefore not due to their own carelessness. We have heard of this happening a number of times lately and take this opportunity to ask members of the instructing staff to keep a more careful watch on the time and dismiss their classes as promptly as may be.

The student has a perfect right to get up and go out at five minutes before the hour, but as a rule he doesn't care to interrupt the class, or, in his interest in the lecture he loses track of the time.

It is suggested to us so often that we do more work; surely when we want to work, we should not be deprived of the privilege of so doing.

In the past it has been the general custom of THE TECH to run all communications either over a nom-de-plume or entirely unsigned. This has been done mainly at the request of the writers, the great majority of whom request

that their names be not printed in connection with their correspondence. We venture to believe that this is a state of affairs which would be speedily remedied if the writers of letters to THE TECH would only consider the advantages which accompany a signed in comparison with an anonymous communication. To mention only a more obvious one.

The reader is immediately enabled by glancing at the signature to so adjust his point of view as to better comprehend the motives which prompted the letter and the opinions which it contains. A Freshman and an Alumnus will have very different ideas on many debatable points, but the force of a communication from either is liable to be lost to a large extent should the reader be left to guess at the authorship. We therefore request that in future writers of communications will think seriously before denying us the right to publish their names in connection with their letters.

READING NOTICES.

Jamestown Exposition.—The following information is given in reply to the many inquiries regarding the nature of the work at the Jamestown Exposition. This work is not of a technical character, but is connected with the camp city which is to be established for the accommodation of visitors at the exposition. College men are to be employed as uniformed guards, and men of musical ability are preferred. For further particulars as to the exact nature of the work, wages, etc., address W. C. Dean, 83 Plum Street, Norfolk, Va.

Tickets for Bryan Lecture.—Tickets for the Bryan Lecture will be on sale in Rogers corridor Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 8.30 to 9, and from 1.30 to 2.

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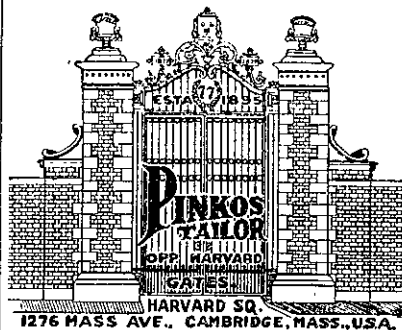
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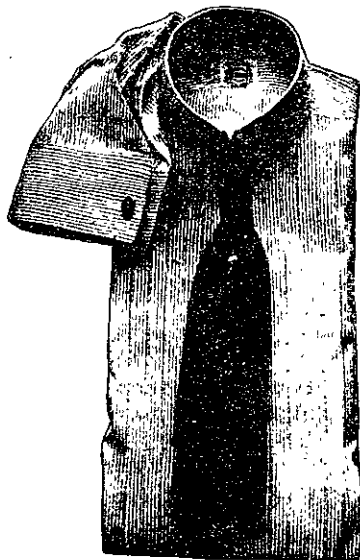
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In your last issue appeared a most interesting communication from whether Graduate, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman or Special it does not appear, on the matter of Caps and Gowns. What a tremendous affair our friend is making out of a mere nothing! Japan will not go to war again with Russia should the class graduate in Caps and Gowns this year nor would the government in the Panama Canal Zone become stable. Regarding setting a "standard to which everyone must conform regardless of the additional expenditure" I ask whether our injured one means to convey the idea that anyone who doesn't wear a Cap and Gown will have his head chopped off or his nose tweaked, should he flatly and stoutly refuse to comply with the inflexible decree, or does he mean simply to convey the idea of successive grad- uating classes being unable to return to a former graduation cus- tom? Again what has John Mitchell of the Labor Organization to do with Cap and Gown? Why didn't our learned friend mention the Bread Makers Organization of the Fiji Islands? They all wear aprons at after dinner speeches. Are they narrow minded? Why certainly not. Then, too, who has ever "sneered at the old fashioned graduation of yesterday." I would advise our friend of a literary turn of mind that the last graduation was not "yesterday" but in 1906. But may I comfort him in assuring him that not "a few" men but the large majority of the most mature class in Technology desire not to "override the spirit of reciprocal care among Tech men" (whatever that may be) but merely to wear Caps and Gowns at the next grad- uation, their reasons for which

have been well set forth in their committie's report as submitted to the Faculty. Let us not make more of this simple matter than a simple matter deserves.

S. R. T. VERY '07.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

There seems to be a somewhat general misunderstanding on the part of the undergraduates in regard to the special Kommers which are being held this term. It has been brought to my attention that many men think that these Kommers are limited in attendance to the mem- bers of the organization that is in charge. This opinion is erroneous. The organization to which the charge of the Kommers is delegated is expected to supply the program for the evening, but that is all. Every one is invited and expected to attend the same as if the pro- gram was regularly provided by the Institute Committee. I hope that this will make it clear that the Institute Committee does not in- tend to at any time assign the Saturday evening Kommers to any organization which has any idea of making the attendance exclusive.

LAURENCE ALLEN.

President of Institute Committee.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

The article on the Cap and Gown question in your Monday issue is interesting but not convincing. Your correspondent admits that if Caps and Gowns were to be worn all the year it would be a reason for this introduction, and then at- tempts to show that it will be a sad departure from the democratic spirit that has always prevailed at Tech, a lowering of "its high pur- pose to the despicable plane of being willing to make a display, to become unrepugnant and un- democratic." In other words, your correspondent is willing to

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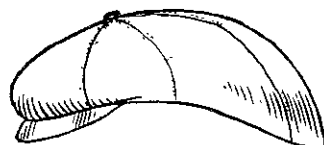
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lower the "high purpose" for a year but not for the one day of graduation. He further says, Jack Williams did not find it necessary to appear in formal dress before his Chief. No he probably appeared in the "soiled dirty overalls." Would the writer have the students appear in the same garb before their chief when they report on their four years' work? All this talk about our loss of respect for the "sturdy democratic ways of our Fathers" is absurd and beside the question. The essence of the whole thing is in the desire of students who have worked hard during four long years at Tech to make the day that closes their work; the ceremonies that attend the conferring of their degrees, as impressive as possible. It is the day of days to the graduate, a day always to be remembered and treasured, and if the impressiveness, the solemnity of that great occasion may be increased; the enjoyment added to by the wearing of cap and gown, shall we say nay when it means so much to them and really so little sacrifice to us?

HOLLIS STREET THEATRE.

Robert Loraine will have only one week at the Hollis Street Theatre and that will be altogether too short a time to satisfy all those who were disappointed in not obtaining seats for this play by George Bernard Shaw given here last season. This is the first chance for a return visit, and it will be given in splendid fashion. Mr. Loraine will be seen in his original character, and the supporting company will be a strong one made up of Boston favorites. The end of the engagement will be next Saturday night.

COLONIAL THEATRE

Klaw and Erlanger have given Bostonians many a comic opera success, but the best of them all is now at the Colonial Theatre in the shape of "The Grand Mogul." It is not strange that there is an unusual amount of interest in this production, for it is the latest comic opera from the joint efforts of Frank Pixley and Gustav Luders, and one has only to think of "Woodland," "The Prince of Pilsen," "King Dodo" and "The Burgomaster" to know what to expect. Its company is an exceedingly strong one with Frank Moulan as the chief funmaker and with Maud Lillian Berri, Elsa Ryan, John Dunsmuir, Sager Midgeley and hosts of other popular favorites in congenial characters and with a chorus of pretty girls.

PARK THEATRE.

Hattie Williams is in the third week of her engagement at the Park Theatre, and "The Little Cherub" is proving more popular than ever. So emphatic has been the success of the piece here in Boston that Charles Frohman has cabled over from London so as to extend the engagement which was nearing its end. Therefore the merry musical comedy will run longer with audiences testing the capacity of the theatre at every performance. The fun makers are all good and James Blakeley, Tom Wise and all the others help in winning the great Boston success which has been secured in the past fortnight.

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